# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

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RADIO AND TELEVISION COVERAGE
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) the percentage of Radio and Television coverage in Orissa;

(b) whether the percentage of coverage in Orissa is much less as compared to other parts of the country;

(c) whether there is any proposal for expansion of the coverage in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) : It has been informed by Prasar Bharati that 99% of the population of Orissa is covered by radio signals against the National coverage of 99.13%. Besides, the whole of Orissa is also covered by 50 kW SW radio transmitter at Jeypore. The T.V. coverage is available to about 93.3% of the population of Orissa as compared to the National average of 90.7%. The entire State of Orissa along with the rest of the country (except A&N Islands) has been provided with multi-channel coverage through Ku-band (free-to-air) DTH transmission service of Doordarshan. The DTH bouquet consisting of 33 TV and 12 radio channels can be received throughout the country (except A&N Islands) with the help of a small sized dish receive unit.

(c) & (d) In order to expand the radio coverage, new transmitters are proposed to be set up at Baripada, Bhawanipatna, Bhubaneswar, Doegarh, Parlakimidi, Rairangpur and Raygada in Orissa during the Tenth Five Year Plan subject, however, to approval and availability of funds. After implementation of these schemes, 99.7% of the population of Orissa is expected to be covered by radio signals in addition to the expansion of F.M. radio service in the State. A low power T.V. transmitter has been set up at Bahalda in Orissa which is also ready for commissioning.